

What is claimed is:

[Claim 1] A method characterized in minimizing the excised surface of Persicae Semen or Armenicae Semen in extracting Persicae Semen or Armenicae Semen with extraction solvent following acid pre-treatment.

[Claim 2] The method according to claim 1 wherein said Persicae Semen or Armenicae Semen is used as unhusked.

[Claim 3] The method according to claim 1 wherein said extraction solvent is selected at least one from the group consisting of water, methanol, butanol or the mixture thereof.

[Claim 4] The method according to claim 3 wherein said water is extracted at the higher temperature than boiling point.

[Claim 5] The method according to claim 1 wherein said acid pre-treatment is performed with the solvent containing at least one acid from the group consisting of citric acid, acetic acid, ascorbic acid or the mixture thereof.

[Claim 6] The method according to claim 5 wherein said solvent containing acid is 0.05 to 0.5% of citric acid.

[Claim 7] The method according to claim 1 wherein the method is characterized by using 0.1% citric acid-containing water solution with higher temperature than its boiling point.

[Claim 8] The method according to any of claim 1 to 7 wherein the method is characterized by cutting Persicae Semen or Armenicae Semen in minimum for reducing contact areas between amygdalin and emulsin in the case of using water as an extraction solvent.

[Claim 9] The method according to claim 8 wherein the method is characterized by cutting Persicae Semen or Armenicae Semen into the size smaller than half.

[Claim 10] The method according to any of claim 1 of 3 wherein the method is characterized by using crude powders for providing with maximum surface of Persicae Semen or Armenicae Semen in the case of using methanol as an extraction solvent.